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- 25X1 1. Every capital of the satellite countries of Eastern Europe is connected with Moscow by means of a high-frequency telephone circuit. A high-frequency telephone circuit also connects Moscow with Pyongyang and Peiping in the Far East. The Moscow - Pyongyang circuit is used for tactical purposes (sic) but was inoperative during the Korean War. This is not a high-frequency radio telephone service but a high-frequency telephone (land-line) circuit. This telephone circuit is very rapid, and practically instantaneous connections are possible anywhere in the circuit. It is impossible to tap the telephone line (sic) because of its special nature and the fact that it is of the high-frequency type. In addition, a special group of the MVD has the responsibility for guarding the lines used in the circuit. There is no restriction on the classification of conversations over this circuit, and it is completely secure.

- 25X1 2. In addition to the satellite capitals, [] certain regional centers within the USSR are connected with Moscow by means of a high-frequency telephone circuit.

- 25X1 3. The high-frequency telephone instruments utilized by the MVD consist of a regular desk telephone connected to a large (approximately 1' x 1' x 18") junction box. The speaker does not have to go through a local switchboard, but simply asks the operator for a given number. []

25X1 [] The service provided by this type of telephone is usually reserved for VIPs, although [] individuals who have been able to make frequent use of this system through the cultivation of a local VIP's secretary-receptionist or similar personnel.

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